# GRIZZLY NEWS

# WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## SPOOKTACULAR OCTOBER

INTERIM ONE GRADES POST ON FRIDAY, OCT. 3, 2025

THE EDITORS OF THIS NEWSLETTER ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS WILL BE A WHMS STUDENT-PRODUCED NEWSLETTER FROM THIS POINT FORWARD! STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED SHOULD WATCH FOR THE OPTION IN THE SECOND BTB SESSION.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER?

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH?

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

WHO IS OUR STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH?

### PROGRAMS

WHAT DOES BEYOND-THE-BELL LOOK LIKE?

### SPORTS

WHAT ARE UPCOMING GAMES?

### GRIZZLY CLUB

WHO'S GETTING POSITIVE REFERRALS?



### COUNSELING CORNER

WHO ARE OUR COUNSELORS?



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## OCTOBER

OCT. 10 - GRIZZLY CLUB EVENT DURING SCHOOL DAY

OCT. 14 - WHMSUPPORTS: PARENT SUPPORT MEETING @ 5:30PM

OCT. 17 - ASSOCIATION DAY - NO SCHOOL

OCT. 23 - 5TH GRADE MAGNET OPEN HOUSE @ 6PM

OCT. 30 - END MARKING PERIOD 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL

OCT. 31 - NO SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER

NOV. 10 - NJHS INDUCTION CEREMONY @ 6PM

NOV. 12 TRI-M INNDUCTION CEREMONY @ 6PM

NOV. 17 - FALL FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT @ 5:30PM

NOV. 8 - 5TH GRADE MAGNET AVENUE B AUDITIONS

NOV. 22 - 5TH GRADE AVENUE A AUDITIONS

NOV. 26-28 - THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL



WHMS SGA PRESENTS

# OCTOBER SPIRIT WEEK



**MON 10/27**

## HERO VS. VILLAIN DAY

Dress as your favorite hero or villain!



**TUES 10/28**

## JERSEY DAY

Wear your favorite sports jersey!




**WED 10/29**

## PINK OUT DAY

Wear pink to raise awareness for breast cancer!



**THURS 10/30**

## COSTUME DAY

Wear your Halloween costume!



**FRI 10/31**

## NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Happy Halloween!



**ABSOLUTELY NO MASKS OR FACE PAINT!**

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

EVERY MONTH, GRADE LEVEL TEACHERS NOMINATE TWO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH. BELOW ARE SEPTEMBER'S WINNERS!




## 8TH GRADERS:

KAMILA MARRERO RICKETTS

ANTONIO ALVAREZ

## 7TH GRADERS:

ISREAL KITENGE

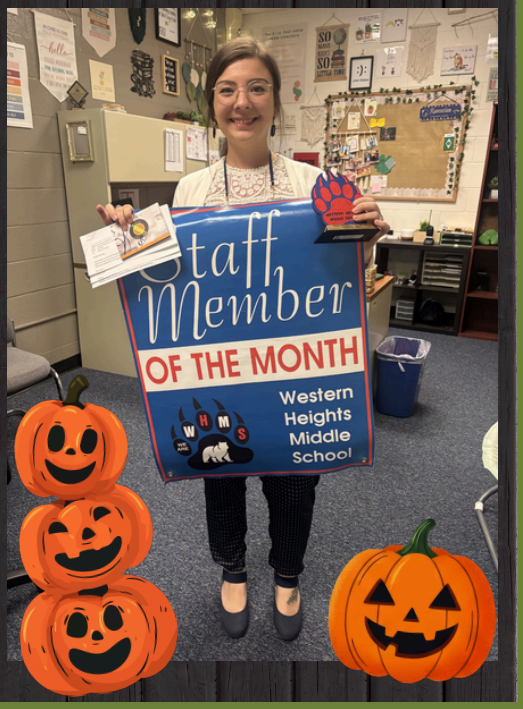
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## 6TH GRADERS:

AIDEN JONES

JANIYLEE CARR

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT




## HANNAH JACK

EACH MONTH, WE NOMINATE OUR COLLEAGUES FOR STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH. THIS MONTH'S WINNER IS MRS. JACK! BELOW IS A MESSAGE FROM HER:

"MY NAME IS HANNAH JACK, AND I AM GOING INTO MY 12TH YEAR IN EDUCATION! AFTER 11 GREAT YEARS OF TEACHING ELA, I'VE MOVED INTO MY DREAM ROLE AS LEAD TEACHER THIS YEAR! I AM A SALISBURY UNIVERSITY AND PURDUE GLOBAL ALUM. IN MY FREE TIME, I ENJOY READING, HIKING, AND GAMING. I'M ORIGINALLY FROM NEW JERSEY BUT HAVE LIVED IN MARYLAND FOR MOST OF MY LIFE. THE BEST PART ABOUT MY JOB IS GETTING TO WORK WITH AMAZING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS! I LOVE BEING A PART OF THE HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY, AND I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE A GRIZZLY AT WESTERN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL!"

# PROGRAMS

BEYOND THE BELL IS OUR EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM THAT OFFERS STUDENTS A SAFE, ENGAGING, AND ENRICHING SPACE AFTER SCHOOL. STUDENTS CAN WIND DOWN WITH COLORING, GET HELP WITH HOMEWORK, STAY ACTIVE WITH SPORTS, OR TRY SOMETHING ELSE NEW! BELOW ARE THE FIRST SESSION'S CLUB OPTIONS:

## BEYOND THE BELL SESSION 1: CLUB OPTIONS

**TUESDAY**

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
TEAM SPORTS
COOKING/BAKING
ARTS AND CRAFTS
CULTURE CLUB
WALK AWAY YOUR WORRIES
ROBOTICS

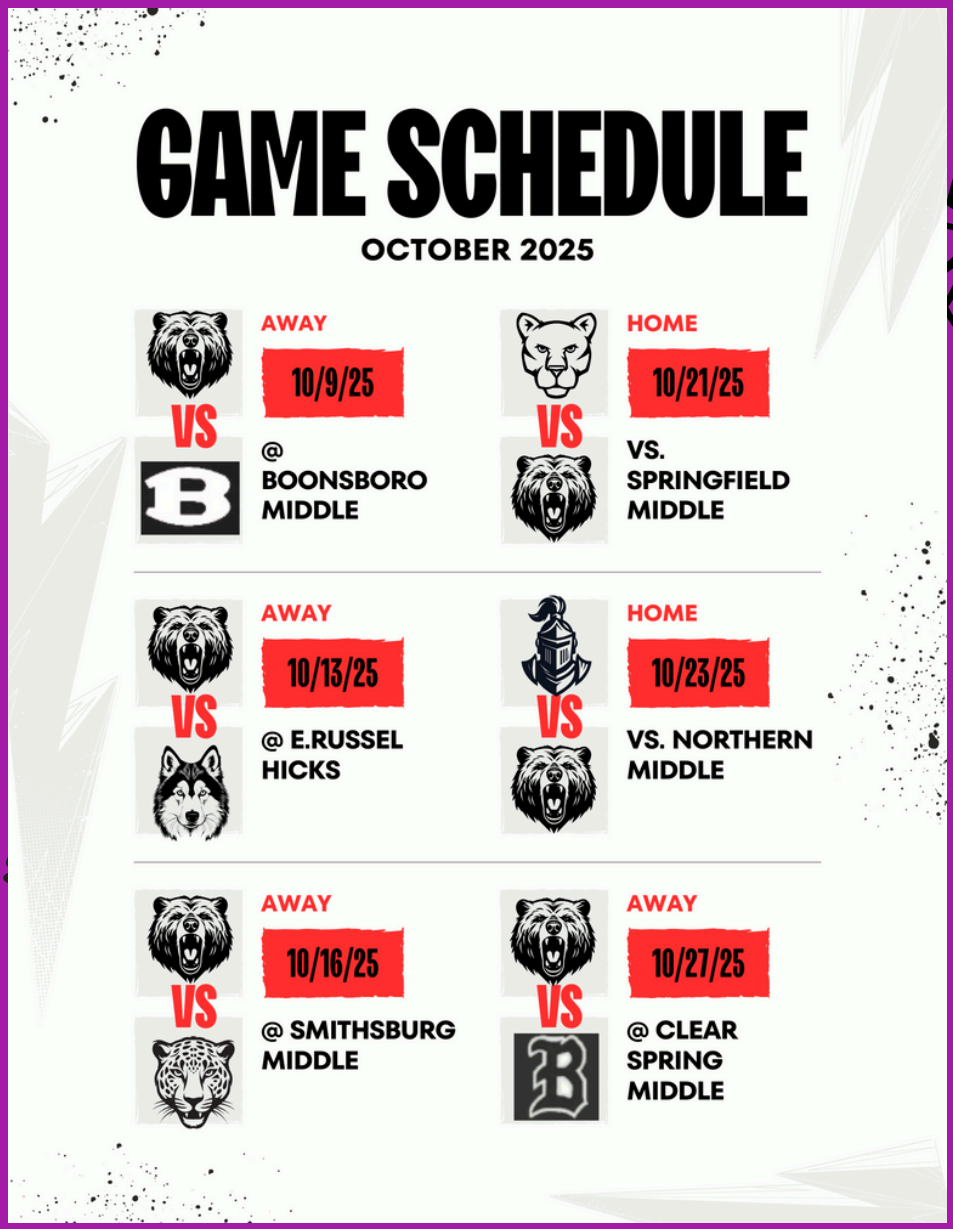
**THURSDAY**

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT
LEADERSHIP AND SOCCER
BOARD GAMES AND PUZZLES
FOOTBALL, FITNESS, AND NUTRITION
MOVIE CLUB
NEWSLETTER CLUB
ROBOTICS

BEYOND-THE-BELL SESSION 1 IS FROM 9/30- 10/30

# FALL SPORTS

A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO THE LADY GRIZZLIES FOR HOSTING WHMS STAFF!




COME SUPPORT OUR LADY GRIZZLIES!
ALL 6TH GRADE GAMES BEGIN AT 6PM. 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GAMES TO FOLLOW

# GRIZZLY CLUB



THESE ARE PICTURES OF STUDENTS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND! POSITIVE REFERRALS ARE SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF POSITIVE BEHAVIOR. STUDENTS CAN EARN THEM BY SHOWING KINDNESS, HELPING OTHERS, WORKING HARD, SHOWING LEADERSHIP, OR MAKING GREAT CHOICES. KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK—YOU COULD BE NEXT!

# COUNSELING CORNER

## MEET OUR COUNSELORS

WESTERN HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNSELORS WORK TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC SUCCESS, CAREER GUIDANCE AND SKILLS FOR PERSONAL/SOCIAL GROWTH TO ALLOW ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. WE TEACH IN CLASSROOMS, MEET WITH STUDENTS INDIVIDUALLY AND IN GROUPS, WORK WITH FAMILIES, SCHOOL STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND ALSO PROVIDE RESPONSIVE SERVICES TO ADDRESS STUDENT NEEDS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO US ANYTIME!

6TH GRADE - MRS. KAREN FOLK - CALL/TEXT 240 744 5076 OR EMAIL FOLKKAR@WCPS.K12.MD.US

7TH GRADE - MS. ANA- SOPHIA BENSON - CALL/TEXT 240 752 0600 OR EMAIL BENSOANA@WCPS.K12.MD.US

8TH GRADE. -MRS. EMILY BOYLE - CALL/TEXT 240 599 0548 OR EMAIL FOLKEM@WCPS.K12.MD.US



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# WHMS SUPPORTS

We are launching a new opportunity and resource to support parents through the challenging time that is early adolescence.

At this initial meeting, we will share about supports available at Western Heights, who qualifies for these supports, and how to access them.

Parents will have a chance to share in small groups any specific concerns or issues you would like to learn more about or are hearing about from your child.

RSVP at the link below to be entered for the door prize raffle.

https://forms.gle/h9ZWLvrAkW3pip548

En español https://forms.gle/cWFZtei2TrX3cJ8y6

**OCTOBER 14 5:30**
**WHMS CAFETERIA**